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## Proposed Change in School Law.

The following proposed change in the school law of Florida, relating to the millage, giving the local option feature of raising the school tax as high as eight mills in such school districts as may favor the raise, has been suggested by School Superintendent Mims and members of the board of public instruction:

AN ACT to Amend Paragraph Fourteen of Section 242 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida in Reference to the Duties of the Boards of Public Instruction.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

SECTION 1. That paragraph fourteen of Section 242 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Fourteenth. The board of public instruction in each county shall, on or before the last Monday in June of each year, prepare an itemized estimate showing the amount of money required for the maintenance of the necessary common schools of their county for the next ensuing scholastic year, stating the amount in mills on the dollar of the taxable property of the county, which shall be not less than three nor more than five mills, unless at said meeting there shall be presented to the board a petition signed by a majority of the registered voters of the county who are taxed for real or personal property in the county, requesting a higher tax, when the millage fixed in the petition may be adopted, but not to exceed eight mills, and furnish a copy of the statement to the assessor of taxes of the county, and file a copy in the office of the board of public instruction; and the assessor shall assess the amount so stated, and the collector shall collect the amount assessed and pay over the same monthly to the county treasurer, who is also by law school treasurer, to be used for the sole benefit of the public schools.

Sec. 2. That all laws and parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the governor.

The reader will note that it is drawn about on the same lines as Brevard's special road law, which has now been taken advantage of in two districts in this county for two years, and will be tried in the Fourth district this year.

We feel that if the local option feature was a good thing in reference to improving our roads that it will be a better one for the cause of education.

The school board and superintendent of this county will send a copy of this proposed change to members of the legislature, to the state press, and to the chairman of boards of public instruction and to the school superintendents of all the counties in the state, asking their investigation and co-operation in the move to make it applicable to the whole state.

Brevard, as well as many other counties, has felt the need for a higher millage than the present limit for many years. This proposed law, if passed, will raise the extra amount to place our public schools on a higher and better basis. We feel that the people of this county will favor the proposed change. Comment, either favorable or adverse, will be acceptable to our columns.

LAST week THE STAR presented its readers with the draft of the proposed new fish law that will be introduced in the next legislature for Brevard and Dade counties. This week we give the draft of a proposed local option law to allow higher millage for educational purposes. We also give the full report of the committee appointed by the county commissioners to secure data in regard to road-building material. This important report will be found complete on page 5. We also furnish on our editorial page a most complete and

succinct financial statement of Brevard for 1900, the like of which, for details and accuracy, has never before been published in this county. Then again on our front page the complete report of proceedings of the board of county commissioners. Our readers cannot help but note that THE STAR keeps them most thoroughly posted on all county affairs, consequently it should receive the support of every citizen and property holder in the county. This has been our constant endeavor for the past twenty years, and that the people appreciate our efforts is shown by the solid support we receive from this whole east coast.

THE committee from the western part of this state that visited the Alabama legislature on Tuesday and discussed before a joint session the question of annexing West Florida to Alabama, assigned to the Alabama people an easy part in the undertaking. It is said that if the Alabama people would do the welcoming they would do the fighting. There can be but little doubt of the willingness of the Alabamians to undertake the part assigned to them, but the question comes up, will the West Floridians meet with much encouragement from the people in other parts of the state? It seems to us that the annexationists have undertaken a good deal more than they are likely to accomplish. The people of Florida are quite proud of their state and would rather see it enlarged in territory than cut down.

## East Coast Chautauqua.

The fifth annual session of the East Coast chautauqua will be held in Melbourne March 1st to 13th inclusive. The program is now out, and may be had by addressing the secretary, C. J. F. Campbell, Melbourne. It includes an unusually pleasing variety of entertainment, and is especially strong in its musical features. There will be four grand concerts, two of them given by the Chicago Glee club and two by the Cecilian Lady quartette, of Cleveland. The glee club will be present during the first five days of the chautauqua, and the quartette during the last six days. Miss Irene F. Horner, soprano, will be with the glee club, and Miss Evelyn Morgan, violinist, and Mrs. Belle K. Adams, reader, with the quartette. The chautauqua will furnish a rich treat for lovers of good music.

Other names on the program are Clinton E. Lloyd, of Cleveland, in Shakespearean recitals; Hon. W. L. Woodcock, of Altoona, Pa., in a lecture to young people; Dr. John W. Sanborn, F. R. S., with two interesting lectures on the Iroquois Indians, with a large collection of curios and stereopticon views; and Rev. R. J. Morgan with two lectures, one on "Life Among the Crackers," and the other "A Thousand Miles Up the Nile," with stereopticon views.

Prof. H. E. Stockbridge, of the Florida Experiment station, will conduct a farmer's institute for two days, treating of a variety of practical topics. He will also deliver a lecture on "The Japanese People at Home." Mrs. Olivia S. Hall, of New York, will conduct a school of elocution, and give an evening of readings from the best authors. Rev. Jas. P. Hoyt will contribute the course of Biblical lectures, and Dr. W. L. Davidson will have charge of the program and also conduct the Sunday school normal class. Mrs. H. Augusta Ennis, of Daytona, will have charge of the children's department.

This chautauqua is designed to furnish the people of the East Coast and their visitors such advantages as are enjoyed by the patrons of the many summer chautauqs in the northern states. The people of Melbourne are putting their money in it from year to year because they want the benefit of the programs, and they are especially anxious that residents of other towns shall take advantage of these opportunities to get a week or two of musical and intellectual enjoyment.

An effort will be made to furnish accommodations for the people of this section at the lowest possible rate. Parties desiring to board themselves should communicate as early as possible with Fee & Stewart for particulars.

## Weekly Weather Report.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU.

Comparative statement of temperatures and rainfall for the week ending Tuesday Feb. 5, 1901.

DATE.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.
Jan. 30.	75	52	62	38
" 31.	75	59	69	51
Feb. 1.	62	43	54	41
" 2.	68	49	62	40
" 3.	73	63	70	56
" 4.	83	65	74	67
" 5.	67	56	72	64

Total rainfall for the week, .60 inch. Departure from the normal rainfall for the week, minus .12 inch.

Departure from normal rainfall since Jan. 1, 1901, plus 4.73 inches.

HAL P. HARDIN, Observer Weather Bureau.

Jupiter, Fla., Feb. 5, 1901.

## BREVARD'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ending December 31st A. D. 1900. Published in Accordance With the Laws of Florida.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1900	\$ 778 90
Cash received during 1900 as follows:	
For County Revenue—	
General fund account	\$11,735 08
Road and Bridge fund account	7,572 49
Building fund account	1 29
Fine and Forfeiture fund account	2,091 78
Special Road fund, Dist. No. 2 (1899 levy)	1,259 79
Special Road fund, Dist. No. 5 (1899 levy)	3,565 49
Special Road fund, Dist. No. 2 (1900 levy)	51 93
Special Road fund, Dist. No. 5 (1900 levy)	64 27
Game Warden fund	100 00
	\$26,442 12
Total	\$27,221 02

## PAYMENTS.

Paid warrants during 1900 as follows:	
County Revenue—General fund	\$11,755 47
Road and Bridge fund	7,569 69
Building fund	21 30
Fine and Forfeiture fund	1,619 83
(feeding prisoners)	930 32
Special Road fund, Dist. No. 2 (1899 levy)	1,268 31
Special Road fund, Dist. No. 5 (1899 levy)	875 72
Special Road fund, Dist. No. 2 (1900 levy)	51 11
Game Warden fund	110 00
	\$24,201 75

Balance cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1901 \$ 3,019 27

## WARRANT ACCOUNT.

Jan. 1st, 1900, warrants outstanding as follows:	
County Revenue—General fund warrants	\$ 1,242 92
Road and Bridge fund warrants	3,365 68
Fine and Forfeiture fund warrants	10 00
Special Road fund warrants, Dist. No. 2 (1899 levy)	60 00
	\$ 4,678 60
Warrants issued in 1900:	
County Revenue—General fund warrants	\$10,782 90
Road and Bridge fund warrants	8,580 15
Building fund warrants	21 30
Fine and Forfeiture fund warrants	1,620 37
Fine and Forfeiture fund warrants (feeding prisoners)	930 32
Special Road fund warrants, Dist. No. 2 (1899 levy)	1,667 30
Special Road fund warrants, Dist. No. 5 (1899 levy)	875 72
Special Road fund warrants, Dist. No. 2 (1900 levy)	196 11
Game Warden fund warrants	110 00
	\$24,784 17
Total	\$29,462 77

Warrants paid in 1900:	
County Revenue—General fund warrants	\$11,755 47
Road and Bridge fund warrants	7,569 69
Building fund warrants	21 30
Fine and Forfeiture fund warrants	1,619 83
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Special Road fund warrants, Dist. No. 2 (1900 levy)	51 11
Game Warden fund warrants	110 00
	\$24,201 75
Balance of warrants outstanding Jan. 1st, 1901, as follows:	
County Revenue—General fund warrants	\$ 270 35
Road and Bridge fund warrants	4,376 14
Fine and Forfeiture fund warrants	10 54
Special Road fund warrants, Dist. No. 2 (1899 levy)	458 99
Special Road fund warrants, Dist. No. 2 (1900 levy)	145 00
	\$ 5,261 02

## GENERAL DEBT STATEMENT.

Debt of County on Jan. 1st, 1900.	
Amount of warrants outstanding Jan. 1st, 1900	\$ 4,678 60
Less cash in treasury Jan. 1st, 1900	778 90
Net debt Jan. 1st 1900	\$ 3,899 70
Debt of county Jan. 1st, 1901:	
Amount of warrants outstanding Jan. 1st, 1901	\$ 5,261 02
Less cash in treasury Jan. 1st, 1901	3,019 27
Net debt Jan. 1st, 1901	\$ 2,241 75
Decrease of debt in 1900	\$ 1,657 95
It should be here stated that of the balance in the county treasury, \$3,019.27, the sum of \$2,766.20 belongs to the Special Road fund,	

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District No. 5, and said district has no outstanding warrants.

## STATEMENT OF SPECIAL ROAD FUNDS.

Commissioner's District No. 2.	
Amount of warrants outstanding Jan 1st, 1901, of 1899 and 1900 levies	\$ 603 99
Less cash in treasury Jan. 1st, 1901, to credit of both levies	4 00
Debt Jan. 1st, 1901	\$ 599 99

## Commissioner's District No. 5.

Cash in treasury Jan. 1st, 1901, to credit of 1899 and 1900 levies	\$2,766 20
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No outstanding warrants.

The warrants issued in 1900 were for the following purposes:

## COUNTY REVENUE—GENERAL FUND.

County Commissioner's salary and mileage, District No. 1	\$ 34 40
County Commissioner's salary, District No. 2	32 00
County Commissioner's salary and mileage, District No. 3	76 00
County Commissioner's salary and mileage, District No. 4	78 60
County Commissioner's salary and mileage, District No. 5	270 80
Accountant, salary	180 00
Sheriff, waiting on board of county commissioners	74 00
Copying minutes for publication	70 00
Auditor and clerk's fees, county commissioners	385 75
Salary of prosecuting attorney	399 96
Salary of county judge	300 00
County treasurer, commissions	810 64
Supervisor of registration, salary and expenses	137 17
Tax collector, commissions	929 92
Tax assessor, commissions and expenses	1,194 78
County surveyor, surveying	50 00
Books for clerk's and other offices	162 00
Salary of fish and game warden	370 00
Salary of janitor	60 00
Salary of jailor	360 00
Feed of dog	22 00
Electric lights, court house, jail and offices	111 00
Wood, court house and offices	8 00
Ice, court house and clerk's office	20 70
Repairs to court house, jail and offices	172 17
Medicine and merchandise at jail	105 71
Election expenses	996 12
Interest paid on county warrants	297 01
Pauper support	1,689 88
Insurance on court house	75 00
Attorney's fees	100 00
Advertising in newspapers	49 90
County court expenses	168 20
Circuit court expenses	217 83
Ferryman, Sebastian river and Turkey creek	144 00
Costs in insanity cases and inquests	187 36
Condemnation of right of way for roads	245 22
Recording of tax sales and deeds for county	10 98
Writing for county commissioners	50 80
Making annual statement	35 00
Purchase of marl lands for county	100 00
	\$10,782 90

## ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

Road work in Com. Dist. No. 1	\$ 481 95
" " " " No. 2	1,171 61
" " " " No. 3	2,279 78
" " " " No. 4	1,087 47
" " " " No. 5	2,266 78

Road work, including superintendent's salary, not chargeable to any special district	800 55
Town of Titusville, proportion of 1899 tax	184 89
Town of Cocoa, proportion of 1899 tax	139 78
Town of Eau Gallie, proportion of 1899 tax	75 90
Town of Melbourne, proportion of 1899 tax	91 44
	\$ 8,580 15

## BUILDING FUND.

Warrant book, etc., for county commissioners	\$ 21 30
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## FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND.

Criminal prosecution, circuit court	\$ 284 16
" " county court	815 34
" " J. P. courts	125 27
Witnesses, circuit court	196 20
" county court	188 20
" J. P. courts	11 20
	\$ 1,620 37

## FEEDING PRISONERS FUND (F. &amp; F. FUND).

Feed of prisoners in county jail	\$ 930 32
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## SPECIAL ROAD FUND, DISTRICT NO. 2 (1899 LEVY.)

Road work on special work in district	\$ 1,667 30
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## SPECIAL ROAD FUND, DISTRICT NO. 5 (1899 LEVY.)

Road work on special work in district	\$ 875 72
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## SPECIAL ROAD FUND, DISTRICT NO. 2 (1900 LEVY.)

Road work on special work in district	\$ 196 11
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## GAME WARDEN FUND.

Game warden's salary	\$ 110 00
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State of Florida.

County of Brevard.

I, A. A. Stewart, clerk of the circuit court in and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of the finances of Brevard county, Florida, is correct as they appear on record in the auditor's books of this county.

Witness my hand and official seal this January 19th, 1901.

A. A. STEWART,  
Clerk Circuit Court.

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